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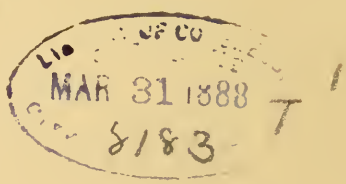

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Respectfully Dedicated

to the

Officers and Members of my class,

"The Plymouth Rock,"

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THE PLYMOUTH ROCK.

The C. L. S. C. Class of '88.

CLASS MOTTO,—Let us be seen by our deeds.
CLASS COLORS,—National; red, white and blue.
CLASS FLOWER,—Geranium.

Chautauqua class of eighty-eight,
In honor of the Pilgrim state,
Has taken to itself a name
Of national, illustrious fame.

And pictured on the badge we wear,
The band of pilgrims landing there
On Plymouth rock, in winter drear
Of that revered historic year.

And while I conned the emblem o'er,
With wonder growing more and more,
A reason for this name to find,
These queries rose within my mind.

Why should we take with such pretense
A name so great? and in what sense
Should we be likened to the stone
Which to the pilgrims first was known?

These answering thoughts then came to me :
The teachings of our class should be
A stepping-stone for coming youth,
From seas of doubt to shore of truth.

So when the ocean waves of wrong
Shall dash about us fierce and strong,
We may not fear, nor be dismayed—
Truth never in the grave was laid.

And when the surging waves subside
And calmed shall be the raging tide,
We, like the rock, may firmly stand
To welcome home the storm-tossed band.

These principles our lives will lead,
If to our name we give good heed:
True helpfulness to others give,
And firmness for the right to live.

Our influence will then appear,
Proving more clearly year by year
The motto which our class now leads,
"Let us be seen by our (good) deeds."

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